THE MINISTER *OF* INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIA V1ENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPERDRA): (a) No, Sir. However, the production of a documentary film on "Shri Shankar Deva" was assigned earlier to M/s. Trans Asia Film of Guwahati but as the party failed to sign the agreement prescribed for the purpose, the offer had to be withdrawn.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Tamil Refugees in India

258. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees who have taken a shelter in India since the virtual liquidation of the EPRLF-led Government of North-east Sri Lanka;

(b) the number who have taken shelter in India since the Sri Lankan army started military operation against LTTE;

(c)' whether the Government of India would look after them so long as they are in India; and

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(d) whether the question of their repatriation to their home and hearth in Sri Lanka in a peaceful atmosphere is proposed to be taken up with the Government of Sri Lanka"

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) (a) From 1st March, 1990 to 31st July, 1990, 47, 546 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees have taken shelter in India.

(b) From 12th June, 1990 to 31st July, 1990, 46, 810 Sri Lanka Tamil refugees arrived in India.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Tamil Nadu Cilief Minister's proposal on Tamil Refugees

259. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu proposed that the Government of India take up with Sri Lanka Government the setting up of Tamil refugees settlement of Jafna in view of progressively increasing influx of refugees to Tamil Nadu.

(b) if so, what is the Government of India's response in the matter;

(c) whether any action has been taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, by when the action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) (a) to (d) The idea of setting up refugee camps in Sri Lanka itself was mooted during the recent visit of a Sri Lankan Parliamentary delegation to India. Government views this positively and has suggested to the Sri Lankan Government that such camps can be set up under the supervision of international agencies and that Government is willing to assist the Sri Lanka Government in this matter.

Amnesty International's visit to different places in India

260. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTA- ' CHARJEE: Will the Minister of: HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Amnesty International has made any visit to Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir or any other terrorist-affected area of India since the lifting of the ban on its visit to India by the preceding Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c)' if not, whether any such approaches have been made by the Amnesty International; and

(d)' if so, with what effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATS IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) There was no blanket ban on the entry into India of members of the Amnesty International. However, the Indian Missions abroad were not empowered to grant visas to them and their applications were to be forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs by he Missions which were to be considered on merits. Now powers have been delegated to the Indian Missions to grant visas to the members of Amnesty International for private visits and also for normal dialogue with Government. This is the only change in all other cases, the applications are still to be referred to the Ministry of Home Affairs for consideration. According to the information available, no visit by the Amnesty International has been made recently *to* Punjab, J&K or any other terrorist affected area.

Report of 'Independent Initiative' on J&K

261. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the latest report of the 'Independent Initiative' on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c)' what action is being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) fo (c) The Authors of the reports of "Independent Initiative" have not been mentioned in the question. Some organisations have sent their representatives to Kashmir and copies of their reports have been sent to the State Government for comments. The law and order situation in Jammu and Kashmir is difficult and the Government is making all possible efforts to bring back normalcy to the State.

पाकिस्तान की परमाणु गतिविधि

262. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान "यू0 एस0 एक्सपर्ट्स कन्फर्म पाक एन0मूव0' शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत 1 जून, 1990 के "दि हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स" में प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और क्या सरकार अपनी परमाणुनीति पर पुनर्विचार करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (ख) का उत्तर "ना" हो, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री इंद्र कुमार गुजराल): (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) पाकिस्तान के नाभिकीय कार्यक्रम के चोरी-छिपे तथा शस्त्रोन्मुखी स्वरूप के बारे में हमारी आशंकाओं से सभी संबंधित पक्षों को अवगत करा दिया गया है।

सरकार उन सभी घटनाओं पर निगरानी रखती है जिनका देश की सुरक्षा